



## Linking words 2

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/turning-ideas-into-a-story/6488.html>

Watch the film about writing.

### SUMMARY

A series of ideas are presented for a story about an alien turning up at a school. The ideas are shown as not flowing together very well. An improved version is offered in the context of the story being a film of which the writer is the director. The need to keep the audience interested and engaged is also discussed.

1. What's the first thing to do when writing a story?
2. Who is the main character in the presenter's story?
3. Where is the presenter's story set?
4. What are the two other jobs the writer must do (as well as being the writer)?
5. Make a note of all the linking words.
6. What must you always keep in mind, whether you are the writer or the director?
7. No one will read your story or watch your film, if...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/the-boy-and-the-drum-english/5747.html>

Watch the film and fill the gaps with linking words

The man is going crazy \_\_\_\_\_ of the noise of the drums.

\_\_\_\_\_ the boy stops drumming to speak to the first man, he starts drumming again.

The man buys some earplugs, \_\_\_\_\_ he loses them when a book falls on his head.

The woman gives the boy a different kite, \_\_\_\_\_ he loses it.

The boy is happy \_\_\_\_\_ he plays the drums.

Next, retell the whole story in your own words.



### Check your answers

1. What's the first thing to do when writing a story?  
Come up with lots of ideas
2. Who is the main character in the presenter's story?  
An alien
3. Where is the presenter's story set?  
At school
4. What are the two other jobs the writer must do (as well as being the writer)?  
Produce and direct the story
5. Make a note of all the linking words.  
When, after, because, but, soon after, so, although, until
6. What must you always keep in mind, whether you are the writer or the director?  
Your audience
7. No one will read your story or watch your film, if it is boring\_\_\_\_\_, or if it isn't clear what you mean.

The man is going crazy because of the noise of the drums.

Although the boy stops drumming to speak to the first man, he starts drumming again.

The man buys some earplugs, but he loses them when a book falls on his head.

The woman gives the boy a different kite, but he loses it.

The boy is happy when he plays the drums.